

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please **add** the following new paragraph at page 1, line 3:

This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP05/000739, filed January 26, 2005, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on August 4, 2005 in English and which claims the benefit of German patent application No. 102004004216.0, filed January 27, 2005.

Please **delete** the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 36.

Please **delete** the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4.

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

~~According to the invention, the~~ The circuit arrangement for degaussing a picture tube is switched on by means of a switch only for a very short time, for example 3 seconds. The invention is useful in particular for television sets with an aspect ratio of 16:9, and a degaussing may be provided in the event of a switch on or in the event of a changeover from the standby mode to the normal mode.